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Mr. Tobias:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated January 30, 2019, and assigned it control number FWS-2019-00370. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. You requested the following documents pertinent to the FWS:

"Any written or electronic communications, including email attachments or text messages, that have been sent to Assistant Director Gary Frazer by one or more of the following individuals: Todd Willens, Aurelia Skipwith, Jason Larrabee and/or Susan Combs. This request seeks records that relate to the Endangered Species Act and/or endangered or threatened species. This request seeks records produced between September 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed."

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If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Eileen Harke by phone at 703-358-2096 or by email at eileen_harke@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer